

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen:

Never have I had what must be the totally satisfying experience of standing on my own bridge, in command, under way.

But I have tasted the salty spindrift on my face; heard the snap of canvas; felt the pull of the tiller in my hand. So I hope that I can consider myself one of that band bound together by a love of deep water.

I am, however, bent over the navigator's table on the good ship U.S.S. Intelligence. I hear the shrill of the bos'un's pipe. I hear a voice calling, "Now hear this! Now hear this! Sweepers, man your brooms; a clean sweep-down, fore and aft, of all decks and ladders".

A clean sweep-down of the good ship Intelligence may not be a bad idea. We may even want to freshen up the 27-year-old coffee in the officers' wardroom.

Does a clean sweep-down mean tear the watertight door off the communications shack; throw all the charts over the side; deep-six the anti-aircraft guns?

Should the crew be thrown in the brig and the supernumeraries made to walk the plank?

Maybe the regular crew needs a bit of captain's mast. Maybe some of them ought to be chipping and painting the next time the officer of the deck says to the liberty

party, "Shove off, cox'un, make the Pico street landing and return." Okay, they are the regulars. They've seen the brig before. They've had a bit of that bread and water diet which I shall not describe in sailor's language.

What I'm concerned about tonight with you is the extra crew we have had aboard the U.S.S. Intelligence. I mean those hundreds and hundreds of American citizens who have turned to make the ship of intelligence a taut ship, a safe ship, an efficient ship.

I fear that the obloquy being heaped upon intelligence today may cause those Americans who have stepped forward to bear a hand, to help intelligence, to withdraw, to hold back, to signal the engine room: full astern.

*Then go on to discussion of  
help from Americans if you  
think we can launch into  
this: corporate help?  
etc*



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<p>Remarks: Bill</p> <p>Suggestion for 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. Navy League.</p> <p>P.S. There a a couple of good nostalgic-type navy laughs in this.</p>					
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